THE PARTECULARS OF THE EVENT

More Prisoners Taken to Richmond.

THE HOM. JOHN MINOR BOTTS SENT SOUTH.

LATE FROM SAVANNAH

IF BAVIS SAYS HE WILL NEVER SURRENDER.

Eyen The Richmond Disputch and Norfolk Day-Fook of Wednesday last, we glean the following secorisut and interesting items:

TRIAL, SENTENCE AND EXECUTION OF IMOTHY WEBSTER AS A SPY.

From The Richmond Disputch. We append a brief synopsis of the proceedings of the court-martial that condended the above person, in order to a correct understanding of the matter alleged against him, and for which he year clay, at wenty-two miontee past eleven o clock, suffered the penalty of the law at the military camp at

har grounds. the trial of Touchby Webster as an alien enemy.

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Specification. That about the 1st of July, 1861.

The Ceart, having maturely considered the evideric addiced, and two-thirds concurring therein, they find the prisoner guilty of the charge. First specification—Guity.

Second Specification—Not guilty.

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Whereavon, two thirds of the Court concurring, it as adjugged that the accessed "suffer death by

hinging."
On the 25th of April, the proceedings, findings, and settence of the Court were approved by the Commanding General of the Department of Henrico.

who ordered that the sentence should be executed under the direction of the Provost-Marshal, on the 24h day of April, between the hours of 6 and 12 On the approuncement of his approaching fate, the

prisoner, as we hear, grew defant, thinking, no doubt, that he would not be hung. He also said be could make several parties in the War Department "shake in their isekers" by his revelations, but he made none up to his last hour. Learning on Monday agait that there was no show for him, he became completely unnerved. He was carried to the Fair Grounds as early as 6 o'clock yesterday morning, by Capt. Alexander, but prior to that time reteived a visit from the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge. He saked the ciergyman to rend the Psalm of David involving vengeance on his enemies. He refused, and Webster grew independ, causing the clergyman to Websier grew indigment, causing the clergyman to take an early departure. When brought to the gal-lows, the prisoner was visibly affected by the right of the preparations observable, and shuddered when

After the rope was adjusted around his neck, prayer was offered up by the Rev. M. D. Hoge. At the conclusion, a black cap was drawn over his eyes; he had previously said farewell to several pereyes; he had previously said farewell to several per-coun standing by. The eignal being given, the trig-ger that sestained the drop was drawn, and it struck against the uprights with a loud sound. Owing to defective cotton-rope, the noose shipped, and Web-ser fell on his back to the ground. The half hung tod partially-stunned man was ejeedily mised and assisted up, and a new rope being ready, he was seen swinging in accordance with his sentence swinging in accordance with his sentence, occurred at 11:25 o'clock. Fifteen minutes

later we left the ground, but the body was still sus-pended. He died in about one minute. Webster, who had pienty of gold and Confederate Siste Zeasary No es, gave it all to his wife the night before it's execution. He was in the employment of one of the departments here as a letter carrier be-tween this city and Maryland. It is said—how true we know not—that he used to take the letters re-ceived here to Washington, where they were copied, as many of their have found to their cost by same enend arrest and incurceration in Northern forts Suspection was first excited against the prisoner by the scyle of his evidence against Lewis and Scully and they let the cut out of the bag on him after their conviction. Mrs. Webster, who was arrested along with her bushand as a spy, is still at Castle Godwin but will see doubt be sent out of the Confederacy. Wobster is the first man executed here as a spy Perhaps at would have been better had the business been commenced at an earlier day.

ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF VANHEEES.

prisoners—sixteen Yankees and ten domestic traitors.
The laster were a very squalid and mi erable, hangdeg-looking set of creatures. While they might by a special could have been appearance. The tay included the could hardly, judging from appearances, have indicted any serious damage on the cause of Southern rights by their characters or example. Some of the Yankees were tolerably fair specimens of humanity, but in several of them the brute study out of them were so Teutonic that their jurgon could hardly be understood.

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The names of the Yankees were James Ginnis,
Commune F. 3d Maryland; Thos. Eckies, Company The names of the fancees were James, commany F, 3d Maryland, Thos. Eckies, Company H, 66th Othio: James E. Barns, Company I, 18th Indiana. C. Caffrey, Company C, 1st Vermont: J. H. Abell, Company B, 1st Vermont: John Brown, Company H, 1st Vermont: A. E. Miller, Company B, 1st Vermont: C. Van Weber, Company K, 38th Illinois: James Moore, Company G, 1st Vermont: Casa Schiefts, Company F, 5th New-York, Ldward H, and Casa Canada Company F, 5th New-York, Ldward H, and Canada Company F, 5th New-York, Ldward H, and Canada Canada Company F, 5th New-York, Ldward Canada Canada Company F, 5th New-York, Ldward Canada Canad Hinois: James Moore, Company G, 1st Vermond, Cana Schieltz, Company F, 54th New-York; Led-ward Haman, Sergeant Company I, 55th New-York; J. Leather, Company K, 40th Fennsylvanin; W. E. Johason, Company E, 5th Connection; A. Johnson, Company E, 5th Connecticnt; E. B. Sparks, Com-pany K, 35th Hilmein; W. A. Chapman, Company

en, and the counties from which they half: J. Light, M. Beane, and Richard Buckley, Frederick: S. M. Morrie, H. Powell, S. Collier, Greene: W. Breeder, E. F. and Beverly Breenu, Rockingham; L. Garino, Page; A. Heffin, Fredericksburg; James N. Wicolf, Page: A. Heitin, Freedericksburg: James N. Wiedl.
Charles E. Guy, Wm. H. Van Wort, Orange: Samble Right, the Ring, Thos. L. Morrison, John Chattan, and Mosce Morrison, Spotsylvania.

The sixteen Yankee prisoners were captured on theitic te

Saturday last by a Confederate cavel y company, between Swiff's Gap and the Shenandoah River, in Rockingham County. A number of the Hessians were made to bite the dust, and the survivors were, chased by our cavalry to the river, where several were drowned in attempting to recross.

The conditions on which the Hon. John M. Botts was released from his imprisonment in Castle God win by the Court of Inquiry that examined the charge of disloyally preserved against him, are:

First, that after being permitted to go to his residence in Heurico, he shall, with all convenient speed, prepare to remove to a location further South and when the same is indicated by him, it must be scaped when the same is indicated by him, it must be considered of the stampeders, Capt. Caps of Charger County, was killed. Among the prisoners captured himself a neutral in the present war, the Court of Inquiry would have recommended his discharge. Of this we know nothing, but the conditions of his release, as specified above, may be relied to so the stamped from East Tenton of the stamped from East HON. JOHN M. BOTTS SENT SOUTH.

REAL REPORTS FROM THE SOUTH. to haul down the Confederate flag! As we write, there had been no intelligence of its having been hauled down; but we are prepared to expect the

Sailing through miles of the heaviest artillers, it does not appear that so much as a single shot was fired at these two little steamers. On the contrary everything seems to have been prepared beforehand for their quiet reception. The troops were immediately withdrawn lest they might feel disposed to demur, all the defenses on the lake were dismantled, the guns were thrown down without being injured, the steamers, which could have gotten up steam in an hour and been ell, were burned, and the defenders were drawn off to a distant point.

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Aver since the world began was there such a transaction—so dark, so mysterious, so altogether unaccountable.

The telegraph, thus far, gives a very confused account of this mest mysterious and most deplorable affair. Terrible suspicious are affect, but we hold it best not to give voice them to until something more definite, shall have reached us.

NORFOLK AND RICHMOND MUST BE DEFENDED-JEFF, DAVIS SAYS HE WILL NEVER SURRENDER. Correspondence of The Norfolk Pay Rock

The News from New-Orleans, confirming the fall of that ciry, has been read here with sorrow, but we are not dispirited, and do not doubt our final success. Norfolk and Richmond must be defended at all hazards, and it is high time your forces should be more than doubled. Your city and the Navy Yand are of equal importance with Richmond. Not only is Norfolk and the Navy Yard of inestimable value to us, but the county of Princess Anne is indispensa-

ble in this crisis.

The delegation from South Carolina and Georgia
waited on the President before Congress adjourned,
and arged him to withdraw the troops from those waited on the President before Congress adjourned and urged him to withdraw the troops from the States, and at all hazards defend Norfolk and Rie mond, and I think they are coming. Indeed, you would have thought so, if you had seen, as I did, on Wednesday last, the South Carolina regiment, from whose state of An erica.

First Sconferior.—That on the lat of April, being an alien
Sullivarie Island, 1,500 strong, pass Chester, twelve
may and in the nevice of the United States, he lurked about
miles from Richmond, and heard cheer after cheer
comes that the forest for "Old Virginia.—the

and Nortolk, cost what it may.

You have noticed in the papers a short account of President Davis's speech, lately made at Rocketts, to the soldiers passing to Yorktown. It was the best short speech I ever heard him make. He said, so far as he was concerned, he would continue this war for twenty years, rather than one inch of Virginia soil should be surrendered. So let us hear no accordance where the said should be surrendered. So let us hear no accordance where the said should be surrendered. mere about surrendering Virginia.

FROM SAVANNAH.

A Savannah correspondent of The Augusta Con-structionialist, writes as follows:

"While Fort Pulaski has fallen, and while our the Ammunition-beat, the Mound City, and the flag-"While Fort Pulaski has fallen, and while our river latteries could not stand long against iron-clad gunboats or butteries on the adjacent islands, still the force of the Yankees in this vicinity is not sufficient to take Savannah, for our land force is too large to allow an attempted landing to be either pleasant or profits le to them. Nor can they easily pass the river to the city, for while they may have boats that will be invulnerable to our balls, which is boats that will be invulnerable to our balls, which is doubtful, yet the obstructions in the river, however easily removed by a quiet working party, will be very hard to move under the storm of shot, shell,

FRUDERICKSBURG. guard sent especially after them. [Enquirer.

THE QUESTION OF COTTON. THE QUESTION OF COTTON.

From The Montpowery (Als.) Advertiser of Aprel 29.

As the Yankees have succeeded in their purpose of making a demonstration up the Mississippi River, it is not at all unlikely that they may before very long make a similar attempt on Mobile, with a view of the capture of that city and the ascent of the Alsama River, and in the event of their success in passing the defenses below Mobile, they may venture as far up the Alabama River as it is navigable for their gunboats.

We have understood that an agent of the French Government is in this city, authorized to purchase an indefinite amount of cotton.

The designs are evidently this: The agent is to purchase a large supply of cotton, and then in case of a threatened Yankee occupation of the city, he would hoist the French flag over it to prevent it from being destroyed by our nuthorities and the citizens. With Montgomery and the Alabama River in the hands of the Yankees, and the cotton in the hands of the French agent, it could be at once shipped to Europe, and the necessities of the manafacturers there releved, the Yankees would not, of course, object to such a cute scheme, seeing at once, last evening ax men arrived at the flottilla from course, object to such a cute scheme, seeing at once, that with a supply of cotion sufficient to meet their requirements, England and France would lose all their interest in the American question, and Lincoln would no longer be troubled with fears of a foreign all the way here—determined, they raid, to escape

darger of falling into the hands of the enemy. The same course will be pursued here, and the French flag or any other, will not save the cotton from destruction in case the enemy threatens to land at this course.

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN MEMPHIS. foreign residents, indiscriminately, where it was in

TAMPA, FLORIDA.

From The Residuent Examiner.
SAVANNAH, April 22, 1862.
The post-bill from Tampa, Florida, has the follow-

ing announcement endorsed on it:

The commander of the blockading fleet, within
two unless of Tamps, has sent a boat here, and ordered the town to surrender or be bombarded. Major

Come on, then, and take us; I shall not surrender.

REDEL BARBARITIES IN EAST TENNESSEE. The Knazville Register of the 20th ult, thus announces the arrival there of a number of pris-

oners: Yesterday afternoon the streets of Knoxville Yeaterday afternoon the streets of Knoxville bad quite a mariah appearance. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Captain Ashby's command brought in the afternoon Captain Ashby's command the windows. No merchant desires to sell, but, on the counters and at the windows. No merchant desires to sell, but, on the contrary, prefer to keep his goods, knowing that the miserable shin-time of their homes. We have never the internation published in several of the newspapers; and the countries from which they half: J. Light, when the streets of Knoxville than was presented by these rear a more impressive or surrowful cavalcade upon the tapis to keep his goods, knowing that the miserable shin-time formation published in several of the newspapers; and the countries from which they half: J. Light, when the streets of Knoxville than was presented by these rear a more impressive or surrowful cavalcade upon the streets of Knoxville than was presented by these redeemed, are not to be had. The only kind of money visible is the notes of the Tennessee and everywhere—another everywhere—another

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DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI.

Thirteenth Day of the Rombardmentthe City-The Military Hospitals-The can hardly recover. National Prisoners-Effect of the Battle of Shiloh-Impressive Slave Tragedy-House Appreciation of John B. Floyd-Cause of the Change of Programme Above Fort Pillow.

m Our Special Correspondent. Com. Peorte's Provinta, Near Port Pictow. Savenyr Miles Above Manpies. Sturday Evening, April 26, 1882. The thirteenth day of the bombardment of Fort

Pillow, and the flotilla in nearly the same position it gent mulatto was taken from his wife and children occupied on its arrival here, on Monday, the 14th and sold to a Texas planter at James's mart. He inst., with no prospect of an immediate advance. The mortar-firing has increased within a day or two, and the echoes of the day and night are regularly awakened with the roar of the iron monsters. The enemy still reply punctually, and their shot and shell still fall without harm-malignant as Mezara, plantation. but innocent as Ione.

A VISIT TO THE ENTIRE PLEET.

of one of the marine Mercuries that are ever steamg up and down and across the river, and visited all gunboais, mortars and transports that compose We found the officers and crew very weary of their inactivity, and anxious for a fight, many of them declaring they would rather run the blockade every night than lead such an idle life.

Anything, said they, for action. We do not care miles from Kichmond, and heard cheer after cheer for danger, if we have some opportunity for distinctional through the forest for "Old Virginia-she must and shall be free!" I conversed with a South Carolina officer on the same trip, who said that Sa-vannah may be sarrendered, and Charleston, too, but Richmond never. He said, defend Richmond but for such alteration. Still, there is no reason to

The position of the flotilla at present is as follows: Near the Tennessee shore, opposite Lauderdale Co.,

the Tonnessee Bond, that intervenes between us and the view of the Rebel fortifications, several of the enemy's guns were fired, and the shot fell into the water a quarter of a mile below, and their bombs burst in the air far above the tops of the highest The enemy do not, as yet, occupy the City of Fredericksburg, but are said to be concentrating heavy forces in the vicinity to facilitate their anticipated murch to Richmond. Some of their seldiers may stolen off and gone to the city, rollicked around, and returned, without doing any damage. They rarely escape, however, being escotted back under a position, but the Rebels' shots now fall short invariably.

The river, which has been rising steadily for two weeks, and is at least two miles wide here, and about a mile to a mile and a quarter wide opposite the foe's fortifications, is now stationary. The shores are ov-erywhere overflowed, and there is no possibility of placing one's foot on dry land. I walked on logs and waded into the woods on the Arkansas side the other day, and found the scene as wild in semblance as if We have understood that an agent of the French it had never been disturbed by the presence of man-

the 18th, and rowed through the bayous and swampe did not cheat or attempt to cheat. have given us some interesting information about the Yankees will catch him and hang him; for he de The Memphis; not materially differing from what has serves it."

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN MEMPHIS.

been there a fortnight ago.

making a mere show of business, the proprietors or misdeeds.

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EFFECT OF THE BATTLE OF SHILOR. . The refugees correterate the statement that the tory.

garded throughout the South as a great calamity by the leaders and abettors of the rebellion; and that Visit to the Entire Fleet-Position of the people, though deceived at first by the press, the Pletitla - Appearance of the Arkan- have, from interviews with the wounded soldiers, ens Shore-Still Another Arrival of learned what was so carefully sought to be con Refugees-Condition of At- cealed. There is no doubt that Shiloh has been tairs in Memphis-Great Distress in terrible blow to the enemy, and one from which they A BOMBARDMENT OF 11 HOURS.

LIBERTY OR DEATH!
Within the past three months a large number of slaves have been sent further South and sold to new masters; and the scenes in the auction marts have

arated without the least regard for humanity, or that kind of external decency which the slaveowners frequently affect to observe. A week or two since, a large and rather intelli-

FINE MORTAR PRACTICE. poor fellow, was greatly depressed, and seemed for a time unconscious of everything passing around him. At last he a oused himself from his introspection, and saked if he had been sold, and to whom? The name 420 Prisoners, 20,000 Pounds of Powder, of the planter was given, and the location of his

An expression of agony, succeeded by a cloud of despair, passed over the man's face; but withou Yesterday afternoon several of us jumped on board speaking, he walked quietly into the middle of the street, and before any one could divine his motive, or anticipate his intention, he drew a pistol, which he had concealed upon his person, and placing the muzzle to his forehead, pulled the trigger.

The upper part of the mulatto's head was fairly blown off; and he fell a mangled corpse in the mids of the crowded thoroughfare.

The bendsman was free. Suicide had saved him from Slavery.

The crowd, ever curious, but rarely sympathetic, From Our Own Correspondent. especially when a negro is the sufferer or the victim, gathered for a moment about the body; but no one pitied, no one bestowed more thought upon the had been a butchered ox.

come to life again, I'd give him forty lashes."

But the crowd went hurrying on, and the negro, and the great tragedy, deeper and grander and more role martyr was hauled away like a poisoned dog.

HOME APPRECIATION OF JOHN B. FLOYD.

Fleyd is known here. He lived in Lynchburg a There being but two regiments and a battalion ennumber of years, and a greater scoundrel never escaped the penitentiary, where he ought to have been long ago. There are hundreds of men in the Richmond prison who are honest compared with Floyd. mand has suffered in consequence. Lying out on nothing of public interest. The tiny craft was taken Last evening six men arrived at the flotilla from Everybody despises him in this city and county. Memphis, having left there in a skiff on Saturday, He never had a transaction with any one, whom he

"He is an infamous liar and villain, and never atervention.

It is doubtless a very nice arrangement on the part

from Secessia, lest they might be forced into the was anything else. He could not obtain credit for five with shot and shell at all hours of the day or night; to open fire at once. Capt. Pell asked and obtained of those who wish to relieve themselves from a very disagreenble dilemma, but we can assure the French agent and all others that the scheme won't work. Charles France, S. E. Hawkins, J. Herring, all of He has swindled hundreds of people in this town,

On further inquiry, the Memphis merchant learned that the opinion the hotel-proprietor had expressed of The refugees say the National gunboats have been Floyd was general, and that he was as much despised THE UNIONISTS DEMAND THE SURRENDER OF expected daily in Memphis since the surrender of as a pickpocket or a thimble-rigger. Floyd himself Island No. 10, as it was not supposed a strong resist- looked quite venerable, but appeared care-worn and ance would be made at Fort Pillow; that large prematurely old, with a stoop in his shoulders (as if wagers would have been laid that we would have he had been trying to carry a small portion of what he had stolen on his back), and a very unprepossess-Excessive duliness prevails in all commercial and ing manner. He was generally quiet in manner and mercantile circles; and, while many of the stores reticent; corroborating the idea that great scoundrels are closed, others are kept open merely for effect, are usually silent, for fear of exposing their principles

being fearful, if they shut their doors, of exciting The change of programme to which I have The greater part of the various stocks are boxed alluded, at this point, resulted from the calling of up and put away, a few inferior articles being Gen. Pope's splendid army up the Tennessee. Arexposed on the counters and at the windows. No rangements had been made for its co-operation with

bile, Ala. All the Union officers accompany him.

The report of the formation of a ferritorial Gevenuent under Reble accompany him.

Prentiss was in very good spirits, and assured his Baird was said to be Governor and Otero Secretary Baird was said to be Governor and Otero Secretary Copped up in the fort, in full sight of their homes, the two Beaufort companies in the garrison resorted to Santa Fé.

BURNSIDE'S ARMY AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

THIRTEEN GUNS DISMOUNTED.

often been harrowing to witness-families being sep- THE REBEL LOSS IN KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Terrible Effects of Parrott Shot.

51 Guns, and Large Stores of Shot and Shell Captured.

OUR LOSS ONE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED. S. E. angle of the fort was cleared away, and a shot

THE HARBOR OF BEAUFORT REOPENED.

THE TRIBUNE'S SPECIAL REPORT.

strong arm of the Government.

ing at the hotel, he found that the "distinguished and Sharp's rifles of the 8th Connecticut, and the Belgian the time quite unfit to attend to

picket twenty-four hours out of every seventy-two; as a legitimate prize, and now lies on her beam-ends exposed to the heat of day and the fogs and cold in the private cabin of Gen. Burnside. neezes of the ocean by night; a haze of fine sand The decision of Col. White being ascertained, and blowing with scarcely any intermission; fired at our batteries being all in readiness, it was determine

recited which, in year ago, bearted of a population of their being supplied from any quarter. While it Santa Fe, the therety thousand.

The MILITARY HOSPITALS.

The large building erected as the Overson Hotel, on Main street, but used recently as a military bearing the collected except and the collected except and the collected except and the large that the solution of the report of the fermion of the Corner of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its terrible course of the projectile can be seen, and its

and resumed the performance of their duties.

Chief-Justice Benedict is on his way to the States, and there is no United States Judge in the Territory.

Every few days for the past fortunate in the garrison reserted to various devises to get news of their welfare to introduction, by Capt. Biggs, of a tall, alim, soldierly man to Gen. Burnside; and we subsequently their friends. Every few days for the past fortunately.

[St. Louis Rep.]

battle of Shiloh, though claimed as a triumph, is re- THE FALL OF FORT MACON, sails set, would be drifted by the tide around the marshes to the town wharves, and as regularly sent by watchful sentries to Major Allen's beadquarters. Among other curiosities which were east ashore, was a board panel from a wreck, bear-

cast ashore, was a board panel from a wreck, bearing the following communication:

"To the Ladder of Brackort—we are still industing the privations of war with uncosed Hopes if this vessil due reach hur port of destiny you will find that we are all still well and slive and will not leave till we see the rulus of these old Walls we have had several scurmish fights with the Yankee Ficket Gard the old topsail gards sends there best Respects to all there Lady friends of Besufort and surrounding country. Joseph E. Canaday."

As Major Allen did not have time to deliver this message from the sea to all the ladies of Beaufort and surrounding country, he simplified matters by sending it to Gen. Parke as a North Carolina con tribution to the Curiosities of Literature.
On Tuesday and Wednesday the shot and shell

practice of the fort was continued, but, as previously, without wounding a man. On Wednesday, while watching a party of Rebel officers on the ramparts, I was surprised to see them suddenly thrown into com-Their glasses were at once pointed up Coe Sound, and on looking in that direction, the white hall of the Alice Price was to be seen looming up to ward Harker's Island. She had the two armed barges, or "floating batteries," in tow, and moved down for an anchorage off Steep Point. minutes passed before the six-inch rifled gun on the was thrown in line fair and square for the Price. It went more than four miles, flew over the deck of the Ellis, and dropped in the water within ten feet of the gig which was returning to the Eliis, after leaving Capt, Franklin aboard the Price. As soon as the gun could be reloaded, another shot, which ranged even further than the first, was sent, and the boats were then moved a half a mile further up the sound to get

The arrival of the vessels created quite as much

beyond range.

PRELIMINARIES.

One year and eleven days since Fort Macon passed garded as the immediate precursor to the commenceheart-broken, self-slain husband and father than if he out of the hands of the United States, and the na- ment of hostilities. A close watch was kept on tional colors are once more hoisted on its ramparts, them, the fort, and the batteries, and many citizens give us Pillow without the necessity of striking a A few asked, "What the devil was the matter Taken by treachery, it is recovered by force; and kept their weary watch under a hot sun all day long. with the nigger?" Others observed: "The d-d some of the very men who aided in dishonoring their At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the Alice Price was nigger must have been crazy;" and the Texas country's flag, saw it raised over them to-day, as seen moving slowly down, under a flag of truce, toplanter swore roundly-saying, "D-n the cursed darkey. I could have sold him for two thousand oners of war. Clause by clause the President's were turned to observe her movements. A sail-boat dollars. I'm just so much out of pocket. If he'd prophecies of last Spring are being fulfilled; and the was hunched from the fort beach, and two officers public property and places are recovered by the and a crew of Rebel soldiers got in and quietly waited the approach of our steamer. Presently, My last letter having been devoted to a description ten-oared cutter, flying a white flag, put out from the awful than "Othello," were forgotten; and the be- of Fort Macon, and the first steps taken by Gen. Alice Price, and moved rapidly ahead. The two Parke toward its reduction, I resume the thread of small boats approach and meet, a brief conference my parrative where it was dropped. By the active ensues, the Price's boat makes for the Shackleford Considerable amusement has been furnished us on exertions of Lient. D. W. Flagler, Ordnance Officer-beach, and the Rabel craft returns to the fort, where the flotilla by an old copy of The Richmond (Va.) in-Chief, and Capt. King, Quartermaster of Gen. her crew, on landing, are surrounded by a host of Examiner, containing an editorial on John B. Floyd, in which he is mentioned as "the here of thirty were rafted across the shoals of Bogue Sound, and our point of view like so many State-Prison men. battles." I never knew a Richmond paper to be the mortar batteries were in such a state of forward- Capt. Biggs, Chief Quartermaster, bears from Gen wittingly guilty of a joke of any sort; but that appears when Gen. Burnside came down on Saturday Burnside a peremptory summons to surrender, and pellation applied to the notorious fugacious thief last, that he pronounced them almost ready for action. waits at the place designated by the Rebel officers must certainly have been intended as a jest. Floyd
—who not only never had any martial success, but
ready to be unmasked, and he returned to Newbern and a half, but, when finally received, is found to be ran away from a fight whenever he had an opportu- at once to bring down two floating batteries, and a refusal, conched in the respectful terms which one nity-the "hero of thirty battles!" Is not that ex- witness the siege in person. The General's visit to soldier would use toward another. The excuse gives ceedingly droll?

Speaking of Floyd reminds me of what a gentleman from Memphis, now on his way there, told me siderable party which moved up or down the beach.

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which seems little gless than prevariention, since he of the unprincipled ex-Secretary's reputation in the vicinity where he had lived for a number of years. twelve rounds of shot and shell, but happily his usual without risking capture by our pickets. Probably My informant was traveling to Lynchburg, Va., and discovered that Floyd was on the cars. After arrivinjury. In the afternoon he tried the range of the one of his attacks of epilepsy, rendering him for devoted son of the South," as the Rebel journals rifles of the 4th Rhode Island, firing at a target at While Capt. Biggs was waiting for the auswer, have dubbed him, was also stopping there, and he 1,000 yards, his object being to ascertain if a party of three shots were fired by the fort from the seaward noticed, during the day, that all the persons who sharpshooters could not be placed in position within guns at the blockading fleet, which happened to be called on or conversed with him were of the most our lines to pick off the Rebel gunners and the lookstanding fleet, which happened to be out which had been kept on the flag-staff of the and profane in speech. The gentleman remarked to the fort to observe our operations. It was found that from their decks, and their movement was therefore proprietor of the hotel the singularity of Floyd's both pieces carried the required distance, the former made without any idea of a breach of courtesy. associations, and wondered that so important a personage should not attract a better class.

"The reason is, Sir," replied the landlord, "that
had not been so speedily accomplished.

"The battery will hardly admit of excuse.

While the Price was lying to for her boat to regaged in the siege, and five companies being re- turn, one of the miniature mail-sloops from the fort quired for guard duty at the batteries, the labor has came so near that it was picked up, but the score or been extremely onerous, and the health of the com- so of letters which were found in her contained

Hebel ranks before Com. Foote would reach the city. dollars unless he would leave his watch as a pledge; obliged to march three miles over the beach from permission from Gen. Buruside to serve in the 10camp to outpost or return, is it wonderful that the inch mortar battery, under Lieut, Flagler, and accorddisagreeable differential, but we can assure the Frence, and all others that the scheme won't work. The question concerning the protection of foreign that shat the relationship of the last forting authorized Gen. Lovell, at New-Orleans, to design acted with the steadiness of veterans under a well- one of four 10-inch mortars, commanded by Lieut. D directed fire, which they were not ready to return! W. Fiagler in person; and one of four 8-inch mor-The garrison of the fort consisting of five compatars, commanded by Second-Lieut. M. F. Prouty of nies, of men rendered desperate by the circumstances Co. C., 25th Massachusetts volunteers. Capt. Morris of their position, a sortie was to be apprehended, and was assisted by 1st Lieut. Cowan and Second-Lieut. our pickets were kept in a state of constant readiness Pollock; Lieut. Flagler by Capt. Duncan A. Pell of to repel the attempt. The only serious affair of the Gen. Burnside's staff and Capt. Ammon of the 3d N. kind, however, occurred during the night of Sunday, Y. artillery; Lieut. Prouty in part by Capt. Caswell when about three hundred of the enemy engaged our skirmishers, but were repulsed. During the affair were worked by detachments from Co. I, 3d N. Y. a private in the 5th Rhode Island was wounded in the artillery; the Parrotte by Capt. Morris's own reguleg, and Lieut. Landers of Company C, by careless lars. The batteries were all constructed at the rear handling of his pistel, shot himself in the arm. The of the sand-hills, the sides and front being formed of Rebel force had hardly got under cover of the glacis- sand-bage, of which the walls of the service magacoupes, when several rounds of grape and canister zines were also made. The platforms were laid as were fired upon us from the fort, the only effect being substantially as the shifting nature of the sand would to startle the whole advance guard and break their allow, and suitable embrasures were constructed for rest for the balance of the night. In the morning, at the Parrott guns. The 10-inch mortars were placed 8 o'clock, when the battalion was being relieved by furthest from the fort, the distance being 1,650 yards; the 4th Rhode Island, eighteen shots were fired in the Parrott guns were 200 yards directly in front; succession by the fort, but without injuring a man. and the 8-inch mortars 200 yards still further on, and The gunboat Ellis, Capt. Franklin, which had been a little nearer the beach. Beside these, a small rifled lying four miles up Cove Sound to close that approach howitzer was taken from the little captured steamer to the fort, moved up within abort range, and fired North State and placed in battery, in charge of Capt. two shots from her 100-pound gun. Both fell short Caswell of that vessel and some of his crew. The of their mark, and the miserable inefficiency of the whole siege train, then, consisted of eight mortare We have the particulars from efficers engaged in the fight. The tery stampeders consisted of six or seven hundred more mostly young, robust, and attletic fellows. About three hundred were armed with rifles and shot-game; the rest with pistois, knives, and rude weapons.

The attacking force consisted of about seventy cavalry, under command of Lieut. King. Capt. Hand Gillegpie's company, under command of Lieut. King. Capt. Bradley's company hand been detailed to Fig Crock Gap, to guard that pass.

The attack was made by Lieuts, Gibbs and corrected from the "Confederate Government;" but they govern what is known as contraband news.

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Which he had been assigned. That evening the pictores of the hand of the miscration of the mark, and the miscration the caster which, however good in a ship's lauch, can hardly be termed a siege-pice.) On the two barges, on its wa We have a considerable land force still on the piece was made so apparent that the Captain wisely and three rided cannon (if we except the small howthe Rebels, who were retreating as rapidly as they cound, in their embarranced condition, from the Territory. They were destitute of all munitions and provisions, and there was no hope of their being supplied from any quarter. While A Santa Fé, the Rebels levied feavily upon the projectile can be seen, and its terrible Gorgie, Commander J. F. Armstrong; Chippewa, Rebels levied feavily upon the preparate-in some

> The Price's first cutter was lowered and Gen-Burnside and Capt. Biggs were rowed ashore. From the steamer we could see the formalit'se of an